CalDet Update: Overview and Light Injection

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CalDet Overview and Light Injection

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Overview

- The Calibration Detector was bulit and ran at CERN this summer.
- The CalDet has 60 planes, each 1m², read out with Far Detector electronics.
- It was built in a holding area outside the test beam.
 - Lots of debugging work was done before the test beam.
 - Beam related muons in the holding area helped the debugging.
- The detector has been disassembled, moved and rebulit twice.
- Ran in the T11 test beam for 8 weeks of the summer.
 - Running at energies from 0.5 3.5 GeV.
 - Took data at all these energies:
 - * 0.5, 1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.8, 2.0, 2.4, 2.8, 3.0 and 3.5GeV





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Overview - Part II

- We made lots of measurements over the summer with CalDet.
 - Some of which we will talk about today.
- We studied the trigger efficiency....
 -this was possible as null trigger data was taken due to the high singles rate.
- We obtained at the muon de/dx for calibration....
 -and also looked at the muon timing.
- Select hadrons using the TOF system....
 -there were 3 TOF paddles, with a maximum separation of 11m.
- We investigated the electrons in the beam....
 -using the Cerenkov counter to tag the electrons.
- Have started looking at how the data will be used...
 -and what measurements can be made with the data.
- The overall aim of the CalDet is the calibration of the Far and Near detectors.....
 -so I will start off by talking about the light injection calibration system and it's performance.

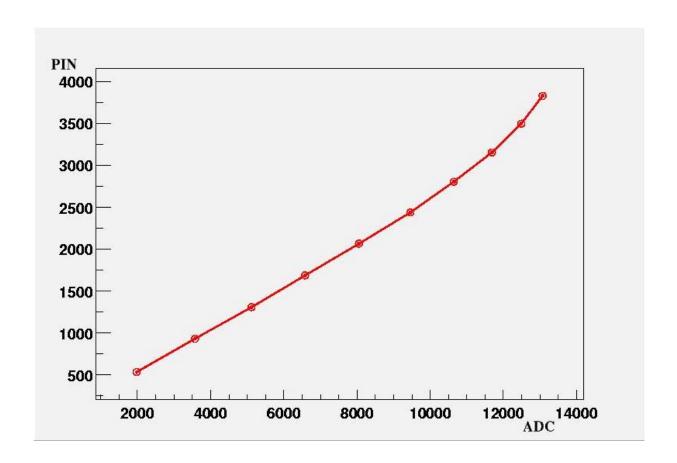






Linearity

- Took several linearity runs over the summer.
 - Each led is flashed a 1000 times at 10 different heights.
 - Use PIN diode as independent light level monitor.
 - Obtain a gain curve for each of the channels in the detector.
- An example gain curve is shown below.



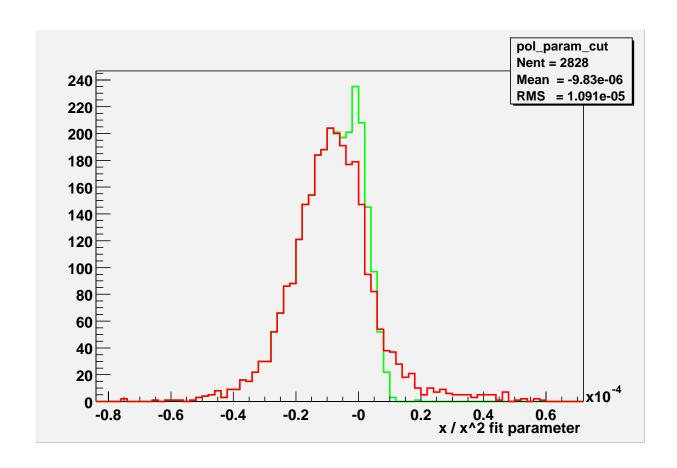






Linearity II

- There are a variety of ways to fit these curves.
 - Simplest is a straight line.
 - But is generally very good.
- If quadratic is fitted can get measure of non-linearity.
 - Take ratio of x2 over x parameters.
- The green curve is for truncated fit upto 10000 ADCs.



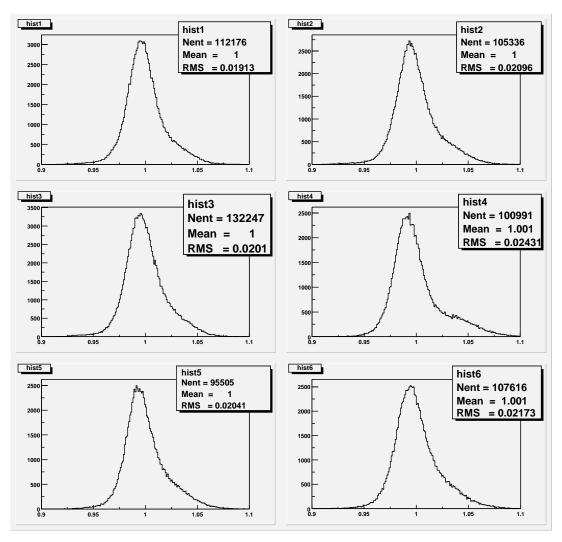






Stability

- Every 20 mins take stability point.
 - Each led is flashed 1000 times at the same height.
- Can use these ponits to measure the stability of:
 - Light injection system.
 - Cables and readout chain.
- Stability for each led is shown below, stable to 2% over 4 days.





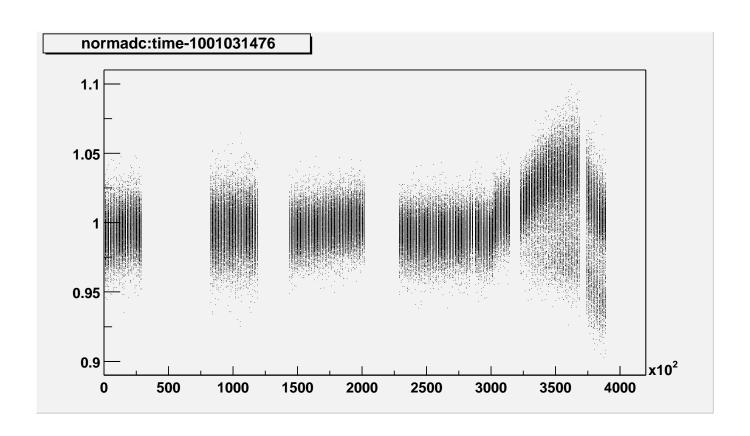
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Stability II

- Whilst the overall stability of the system is 2% there are fluctuations.
- These are mainly run to run fluctuations, possibly caused by:
 - Temperature fluctuations.
 - High voltage fluctuations.
 - something else.
- Stability points for led 1 are shown against time below.



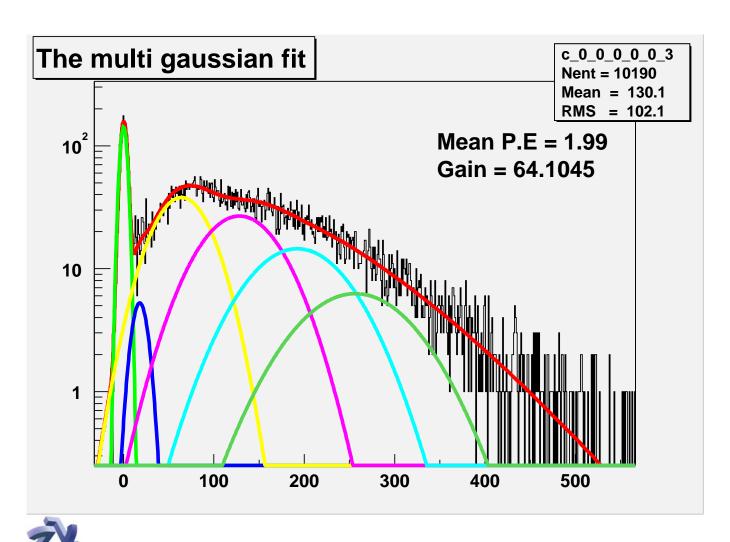






Gain

- Can also use the LI system to determine the number of ADCs per photo-electron.
 - This was done for each of the channels in the detector.
- There were two methods used to calculate the gain:
 - Fitting a multi-gaussian fit to low light level spectra.
 - The mean over sigma method for medium to high light levels.
- An example of the fit method is shown below.



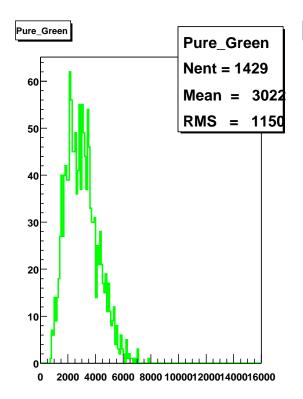


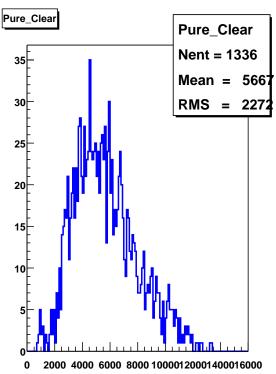




Uniformity

- There are a number of factors which contribute to the uniformity of the LI system, including:
 - The leds and internal pulser box wiring.
 - The fibres from the pulser box to the LIMs.
 - The Light injection manifolds, LIMs.
 - The detector's green fibre.
 - The readout cables and connections.
 - The PMTs and electronics.
- From raw data find:
 - For green readout cables: 38% width.
 - For clear readout cables: 40% width.







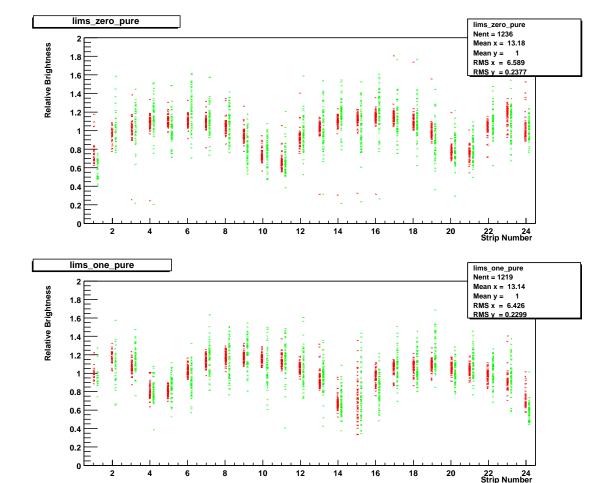
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Uniformity II

- Most of these factors can be accounted for:
 - The PMTs and electronics by the Gain.
 - The readout cables and connections using Muon's.
 - The pulser box and LI fibres were tested.
- The main factor left is the LIM non uniformity, see plot below.
 - Due to a painting problem that has been identified.
- Still concerns over dynamic range.











Summary

- Have taken lots of light injection data.
 - Both linearity curves and stability points.
- The overall stability of 2% is very good.
- Have determined the gain for all working channels.
- The uniformity isalmost understood.
- Still a question over whether we need to exercise the full dynamic range of the electronics.

